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▶ Jessica Cummings, left, and and her sister Justine pose with Cole McNall. All three, who are models with Anita Norris Models in London, took home honours at last weekend's Canadian Model and Talent Convention in Toronto.

Facing the future

Londoners were the big winners at recent Canadian Model and Talent Show in Toronto

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They haven't even graduated from high school yet, but they're already strutting away with top honours in the modelling world.

Last weekend, Cole McNall, 17, and sisters Justine, 15, and Jessica Cummings, 13, from Anita Norris Models in London received prestigious honours at the Canadian Model and Talent Show in Toronto. McNall and Justine Cummings won best overall male and female model, respectively, while Jessica Cummings received a prize for best photography and overall teen model.

"I'm happy," said McNall, a student at Catholic Central High School who's been modelling for just over a year. "I worked hard for this and I'm glad I got feedback. It's all positive."

For Justine Cummings, who's wanted to be a model since she was a little girl, Saturday's event was her first major competition.

"I've always known that London (and area) is a hotbed of great-looking talent and models. It's just chock full of good-looking people."
ANITA NORRIS, ANITA NORRIS MODELS

"It's awesome. It's pretty overwhelming, but you get used to it," said Justine, a student at Strathroy Collegiate Institute. "And now I have that opportunity to live the dream that I've had for such a long time."

"It feels great. I love it," Jessica Cummings said of her wins. She started modelling back in January, following in her sister's footsteps. "I decided I wanted to do it (modelling) with her."

And they're already making waves in the fashion world: The Cummings sisters are off to a show next week in Toronto, agency owner Anita Norris said.

"They have a lot of agencies that want to represent them.... There's a frenzy right now," she said. "(The convention) is a huge stepping stone, and for the amount of attention these kids have received, things will start rolling in. It's sort of a snowball effect."

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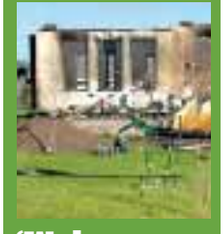

'We have no town': As Slave Lake evacuees await return home, many wonder if they still have a home. Video at metronews.ca

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Karma. Kameleon

▶ Roberta Coombe, right, of London, celebrates as she receives a Kameleon charm bracelet from Ashley Ballantyne, who dressed up as Lady Gaga yesterday as part of Metro's Lady Gaga edition.

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Fresh FM listeners get bejewelled

As a special promotion, Metro teamed up with Poag Jewellers to give away Kameleon jewelry hourly throughout the day. A Lady Gaga lookalike was tasked with giving away the swag, and clues on her location were provided by Corus Radio on Fresh FM. Lady Gaga herself has said Kameleon is her favourite jewelry. For more pictures, visit metronews.ca/london.

Feds reject loan for Diamond Aircraft

Diamond Aircraft Industries is an Austrian-based manufacturer of general-aviation aircraft and motor gliders The company opened its second manufacturing facility in London in 1992

More than 200 employees won't be heading back to work as soon as they thought.

The government announced yesterday that the $35-million loan has not been approved for Diamond Aircraft.

In a statement released yesterday, Industry Minister Tony Clement said the company was advised that the government will not support its request for additional loans.

"Our government is disappointed to learn that the company is experiencing financial difficulties and sympathizes with Canadian firms that are facing challenging times," said Clement.

In 2008, the government provided a $20-million loan to the company, and this year they asked for more funding for their D-Jet program. The program was stalled while they were waiting for approval of the loan.

500 If the loan had been approved it would have created another 500 jobs for the city.

At the end of March, 213 employees were laid off due to the lack of funding.

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Mayor Joe Fontana reaffirmed his commitment to assist Diamond Aircraft to find suitable investors for the D-Jet program.

"Diamond is an incredible company that has contributed much to the country and London and its new D- jet would propel it to a new level," Fontana said in a news release. "Diamond Aircraft has great technology and people and I continue to believe in Diamond and their future in our city."

Fontana remains optimistic that Diamond will find the support it needs. He said: "This is a project that is destined to fly and we will not let this incredible and unbelievable response from the federal government slow us down." **METRO**

Police watchdog to probe elderly-woman incident

The province's police watchdog has been called in to investigate after a 71-year-old London woman suffered a fracture during an incident involving London police on Monday evening.

The woman had to be taken to University Hospital for treatment of a fracture.

Two officers were dispatched to a Grosvenor Street home around 7 p.m. London police declined to comment on the case.

The Special Investigations Unit is called in whenever an incident between civilians and police leads to injury or death.

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McGuinty backs 8.5% OPP wage hike

Premier Dalton McGuinty is defending an 8.5 per cent wage hike planned for the Ontario Provincial Police in 2014.

The Liberals have been having a tough time getting labour arbitrators to agree to freeze public-sector wages for two years because the government never passed enabling legislation.

The 6,100 OPP officers received a five per cent wage hike this year in advance of the two-year wage freeze.

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▶ Premier Dalton McGuinty

And because of a clause in their contract guaranteeing they will be the highest paid cops in Ontario, they will get 8.5 per cent in 2014.

McGuinty considers that a victory, saying he's proud the officers agreed to the freeze, which is "what the government has been looking for."

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Big man to star on small screen

Potential reality TV show to focus on life and career of Canada's tallest man Has been using celebrity status to help charities

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At seven-foot-seven, London resident Jerry Sokoloski is the tallest man in Canada, and sixth tallest in the world — distinctions that may soon be recognized in a new reality TV show. Sokoloski moved to London in 2007 to be with fiancée Lori Wheatley, right, and has since become involved in local charity work.

He's a big man with a big heart when it comes to charity.

And now Jerry Sokoloski, Canada's tallest man and a Forest City resident, may be getting his own reality TV show.

Sokoloski, 28, tells Metro that he expects to start filming a TV series next month to air in the fall.

He says the details are hush-hush at this point in time, although he hinted a major network is involved.

"It's not official right now, but it's being finalized," he said.

Sokoloski was certified by the Guinness Book of World Records as the tallest man in Canada in 2008.

The same year his record was announced, he moved from Toronto to London to be with his fiancée, Lori Wheatley.

Since that time he's been using his celebrity status to raise money for various charities, including Ronald McDonald House, through McHappy Day, and the Children's Burn Foundation.

Sokoloski plans to help out at a Canadian Tire fundraiser later this month.

"Jerry believes that he shouldn't benefit from his height, so all the money raised, we donate to charity," Wheatley said, adding sometimes the attention he receives from his height isn't all positive.

"He's not a sideshow, but, as long as it is done respectfully, he doesn't mind (the pictures and so forth). And if we can raise money for charities in the process, then it's great."

Canadian records

Jerry Sokoloski holds two Guinness Canadian records: Tallest man, at seven-foot-seven, and largest hands, at 12.5 inches each.

MPP pushes for mandatory detectors

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Ernie Hardeman

A Progressive Conservative is renewing his efforts to make carbon-monoxide detectors mandatory in all homes in Ontario.

Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman will try again to gain support for his private member's bill today during a news conference at the provincial legislature.

Private members' bills rarely become law in Ontario, but the previous version of his bill received all party support before it died on the order paper.

The bill, called the Hawkins Gignac Act, is named after a Woodstock family who died from carbon monoxide poisoning in 2008.

Former OPP officer Laurie Hawkins' home didn't have a CO detector, and both parents and their two children died from the deadly gas.

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HEALTH

No cuts to medical record fees

Premier Dalton McGuinty won't cut fees people are charged for their personal medical records, despite an order from Ontario's information commissioner to address the issue.

Information and Privacy Commissioner Ann Cavoukian's annual report calls on the government to set specific fees health-care providers can charge people to access their own medical records.

There have been complaints people are forced to pay $60 or more when their doctor retires so they can take their records to a new physician. McGuinty says people should have responsibility for — and ownership of — their own health records, calling it a "stepping stone" towards taking greater responsibility for their health generally.

But the premier will not do anything about the fees that patients face.

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Attorney General Chris Bentley

No election tricks, says Liberal party

Ontario wants to be sure nasty tricks that surfaced during the federal election this month don't return in the provincial campaign this fall.

Liberal candidates in Ontario and Manitoba complained during the federal election that voters received harassing calls late at night by people claiming to work for the party.

Elections Canada is also investigating reports a number of people received mysterious calls on election day that wrongly suggested their local polling station had been moved.

Attorney General Chris Bentley has introduced amendments to Ontario's Elections Act to formally outlaw such campaign stunts.

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Gas prices continue to drop

In less than a week, gas in London has dropped 13 cents a litre.

Most stations in the city were charging $128.5 for regular yesterday morning, after prices dropped by nearly four cents a litre overnight.

The last time drivers in London could fill up for less than $1.29 was April 17th.

As is often the case, the dip at the pumps coincides with a slide in oil prices.

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Golfers tee off for charity

The Highland Country Club will host the annual golf tournament for hemophilia and inherited bleeding disorders tomorrow. The registration fee of $175 per golfer includes: 18 holes of golf, the golf cart, lunch prior to tee-off and a banquet dinner. There will also be a prize table and a silent auction. Those unable to play golf can attend the banquet for $45. Money raised helps support the South Western Ontario Region of Hemophilia Ontario. METRO

Myanmar amnesty 'pathetic'

Country has more than 60,000 prisoners in 42 prisons and 109 labour camps But authorities insist there are no political detainees

Myanmar is releasing more than 14,600 prisoners under a clemency program that includes just a few political prisoners. General Zaw Win, director of the prison department, said most of the inmates would be released yesterday.

Myanmar has been under the sway of the army since 1962, and critics say its recent transition to a civilian government is a charade. Authorities have long clamped down on dissent, and the United Nations estimates there are more than 2,000 political detainees nationwide.

The limited nature of the program — which commutes death sentences to life in prison and cuts one year from other inmates' terms — has drawn criticism from many who had expected more generous terms, similar to broader amnesties that have been announced in the past.

New York-based Human Rights Watch denounced the clemency program as "a pathetic response to international calls for the immediate release of all political prisoners."

The National League for Democracy — the de facto opposition party — said at least 22 political prisoners were among those freed.

Detainees who remain behind bars include student activists such as Min Ko Naing who are serving 65-year prison sentences, and politicians from ethnic minority parties such as Shan leader Hkun Htun Oo who have sentences of more than 80 years.

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2,166

Of the 14,600 convicts released by Myanmar, 2,166 were women. Their numbers include Naw Ohn Hla, who used to go to Yangon's Shwedagon pagoda every Tuesday to pray for the release of pro-democracy leader Aung Sang Suu Kyi when she was under house arrest.

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▶ Inmates leave Insein Prison in Yangon, Myanmar, yesterday after the government cut one year from their terms under a general amnesty.

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Pop goes the watermelon crop

See how they grow

Watermelons have been bursting by the score in eastern China after farmers gave them overdoses of growth chemicals during wet weather. Prices over the past year prompted many farmers to jump into the watermelon market. All of those with exploding melons apparently were first-time users of the growth accelerator forchlorfenuron.

"On May 7, I came out and counted 80 burst watermelons, but by the afternoon it was 100. Two days later, I didn't bother to count anymore."

FARMER LIU MINGSUO, WHO ENDED UP WITH THREE HECTARES OF RUINED FRUIT. SEEING HIS CROP SPLITTING OPEN WAS LIKE A KNIFE CUTTING HIS HEART, HE TOLD CHINA CENTRAL TELEVISION

Caution: Exploding melons!

Wang Liangju, a professor at Nanjing Agricultural University, said forchlorfenuron is safe when properly applied, but it had been used too late in the season. The type of melon also played a role. "The melon they were planting is a thin-rind variety. These kind are actually nicknamed the 'exploding melon' because they tend to split."

Strange fruit

The watermelon crisis echoes an earlier problem, in March of last year, when Chinese authorities found that "yard-long" beans from the southern city of Sanya had been treated with the banned pesticide isocarbophos. The tainted beans turned up in several provinces.

Beijing also has voiced alarm over the widespread overuse of dyes, sweeteners and other food additives that retailers hope will make food more attractive.

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About 20 farmers near Danyang city in Jiangsu province used the growth chemical forchlorfenuron on their melon crops. They lost up to 45 hectares of melon, China Central Television said in an investigative report.

'Landmines'

- **China Central Television** said the use of the growth chemical in wet weather had created fields of "landmines."
- **Feng Shuangqing,** professor at the China Agricultural University, says the problem underscores the need for China to clarify its farm-chemical standards to protect citizens' health.
- **Many farmers resorted to** chopping up the fruit and feeding it to fish and pigs.

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Yes, the Queen wore green

Marksmen keep rooftop watch on monarch's historic Dublin visit

Sometimes words aren't necessary.

That was the case yesterday when Queen Elizabeth, 85, placed a wreath in Dublin to honour Irish rebels who lost their lives fighting for freedom — from Britain.

There were no apologies, no acknowledgment of past wrongdoings — no words at all,

The Queen, resplendent in a cloak of emerald green, became the first British monarch to set foot in Dublin for a century.

Her four-day visit is designed to show that the bitter enmity of Ireland's war of independence 90 years ago has been replaced by friendship.

Helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft patrolled the skies. Marksmen kept watch on rooftops.

Streets were cleared to ensure no anti-British extremist could get close to the Queen. No civilian aircraft were permitted over the city centre.

A pipe bomb was planted in a bus outside Dublin. Three hoax devices were found in the city.

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The Queen arrived 100 years after her grandfather George V visited an Ireland that was still part of the British Empire.

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▶ An anti-British protester is pushed back by riot police during a demonstration against the Queen's visit in Dublin yesterday.

Slave Lake must wait — and worry

An emergency official says there's no timeline as to when residents will be able to return to a northern Alberta town scorched by a forest fire.

Colin Lloyd says officials need to determine which homes in Slave Lake are still inhabitable before they can give the go-ahead to return. Power, natural gas, water and phone lines all need to be reconnected.

About 7,000 residents had to flee when a wind-whipped fire damaged or destroyed at least one-third of the town on Sunday. A health-sciences expert at the University of Lethbridge says people from Slave Lake will have a sense of loss. Judith Kulig says it is important that counselling and mental health services be provided.

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▶ Slave Laker Jim Nelson and his three-year-old son Dylan take a break on the curb at an Athabasca evacuee centre.

For more news on Slave Lake's ordeal, click on metronews.ca

News in brief

Hope dims for lost B.C. man

ELKO, Nev. Authorities admit it will likely be a recovery mission the next time they're able to search for a missing 59-year-old B.C. man who vanished in the rugged Nevada backcountry.

The massive effort to find Albert Chretien ended Monday after about 160 searchers spent 10 days combing the mountains by foot, snowshoe, aircraft, horseback, all-terrain vehicles and with dogs.

Chretien and his wife, Rita, disappeared nearly two months ago while trying to hike to a highway to get help after their van got stuck on a backcountry road. Seven weeks later, hunters found Rita. She has returned to Penticton, B.C.

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Viagra, Cialis in big seizure

MISSISSAUGA. Police say about 100,000 fake Viagra and Cialis have been seized at a warehouse, along with counterfeit designer clothes and accessories.

Officers say the fake drugs are worth more than $1 million, the clothes about $5 million.

A Hamilton man faces charges.

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Canada on alert over horse virus

Officials are watching to see if a horse virus outbreak at a Utah contest spreads beyond western states and Canada.

At least nine horses in Idaho, Utah, Colorado, California, Washington and Canada have been infected with contagious Equine Herpes Virus-1.

The disease is spread among horses, alpacas and llamas. Symptoms include fever, sneezing, staggering and paralysis.

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Netflix overtakes surfing online

Popularity could pose risks to the profits of Canadian cable companies

Move over web surfing. Netflix movies now take up more of the Internet pipes going into North American homes.

A study published yesterday by Sandvine Inc. shows that Netflix movies and TV shows account for nearly 30 per cent of traffic into homes during peak evening hours, compared with less than 17 per cent for web browsing.

Only about one-quarter of homes with broadband subscribe to Netflix, but watching movies and TV shows online takes up a lot of bandwidth compared with web surfing, email and practically every other Internet activity except file sharing and videoconferencing.

As late as last year, both web surfing and peer-to-peer file sharing — mainly the illegal trading of copyrighted movies — were each larger than Netflix's traffic.

Sandvine makes equipment that helps cable and phone companies manage their Internet delivery systems. It collected data from unidentified customers for the survey. It has previously been linked to Comcast Corp., the largest Internet service provider in the U.S. Sandvine says its data should be representative of overall home Internet use.

The number of Netflix customers is growing quickly, to 23.6 million subscribers in the U.S. and Canada as of the end of March. The growing use of the streaming service is good news for the company, which is trying to reduce what it spends to mail DVDs. The rental video business in Canada totalled about $970 million in 2010, down 12 per cent from the previous year, says Toronto-based Convergence Consulting Group. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HANDOUT

▶ Netflix CEO Reed Hastings. In Canada, Netflix has made major inroads since launching last September, with 800,000 subscribers paying $7.99 per month for unlimited access to thousands of movies and TV shows.

REAL ESTATE JUMP

Canada's housing prices rise

The national average home price rose by eight per cent last month even as housing sales fell by 14.7 per cent from the year before, according to data released yesterday.

Home prices jumped to $372,544 compared to last April — the third consecutive month in which the national average price rose by eight per cent from year-ago levels, the Canadian Real Estate Association said. Meanwhile, the number of previously occupied homes sold in April fell to 17,230 from 18,745 a year ago.

The national housing has been skewed recently due to a surge in sales of multimillion-dollar properties in the Greater Vancouver area.

Demand for those properties fell in April compared to March, but was offset by fewer sales of lower-priced properties. "Changes to mortgage regulations that took effect in April 2011 likely sidelined a number of first-time homebuyers," said Gregory Klump, CREA's chief economist.

Declines were largest in some of Canada's most expensive and active markets, including Toronto, Vancouver and British Columbia's Fraser Valley.

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Seven dead after mine invasion

Seven people were killed and a dozen more were injured after intruders tried to steal ore from a gold mine in Tanzania, African Barrick Gold PLC said yesterday.

The company, controlled by Toronto-based Barrick Gold Corp., said 800 "criminal intruders" invaded its North Mara mine when police were called Monday.

The group reportedly attacked police with machetes, rocks and hammers. The North Mara mine is in Tanzania, about 20 kilometres south of the Kenyan border.

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We love our BBs — and texting too

Canada may be the birthplace of the BlackBerry and mobile email, and boast heavy users of Facebook, but it hasn't stopped us from engaging in a relatively old-school form of electronic messaging — texting.

The Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association said 56.4 billion texts were sent in Canada in 2010, up 60 per cent from the previous year.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

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Social. Cost

▶ The LinkedIn Corp. headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.

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LinkedIn shares climbing to new, pricier highs

LinkedIn is raising the price range on its shares to $42 to $45 US apiece from $32 to $35 apiece. Shares are expected to begin trading tomorrow. The new cost means LinkedIn could be valued at more than $4 billion after going public, the biggest Internet IPO since Google's debut in 2004. At the middle of the new proposed range, the IPO would raise about $341 million.

ADD A BOY NAMED SUE TO THE LIST

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

An Israeli couple recently named their new baby girl Like, as in the like button on Facebook.

Like, is that not the dumbest thing you ever heard?

The same couple also named their other daughters Pie, as in lemon meringue, and Vash, which is Hebrew for honey.

The parents, Lior and Vardit Adley, say they wanted a unique and modern name for their newborn and Like sounded "modern and innovative." Lior told an Israeli newspaper that Like is the modern equivalent of the name Ahova (Love).

No, it isn't. It's a button. On a piece of software. It's a ploy designed to create a digital pattern allowing Facebook to serve up ads that match your profile. It's about the money, Honey.

At least they didn't name their daughter Zuckerberg, after the founder of Facebook.

That would Zuck.

"The parents, Lior and Vardit Adley, say they wanted a unique and modern name for their newborn and Like sounded 'modern and innovative.' Lior told an Israeli newspaper that Like is the modern equivalent of the name Ahova (Love)."

Now Like, Pie and Vash Adley will have to spend the rest of their lives in expensive therapy, doing battle with the trauma of their names.

They will be joined in the waiting room by Facebook, an Egyptian whose dad wanted to honour Facebook's role in the Arab Spring. How about a nice plaque at the front door instead of laying the burden of Facebook Jamal Ibrahim on your poor little tyke?

The irony of Like is that her parents don't even really "like" Facebook. Lior has fewer than 120 Facebook friends. Which still seems like a lot to me. I have 131 Facebook friends and have trouble keeping up. None of them are named Like.

The question is why do people do this to perfect innocents who can't defend themselves? In their quest for 15 minutes of cheap fame, Lior and Vardit have condemned Like, Pie and Vash to spend the rest of their lives spelling and explaining their names to strangers, getting teased mercilessly in the schoolyard by bullies with conventional names, trying to get their names legally changed or using their middle names (which are not, hopefully, Recommend, Edit or Write On Her Wall).

It's child abuse and it's hardly rare. It may seem cute at the time, but remember that the apple (Pie?) of your eye has to wear it for the rest of his or her life. Life is hard enough without being called Pie.

Same goes for the current crop of kids named after vampires, politicians and Lady Gaga.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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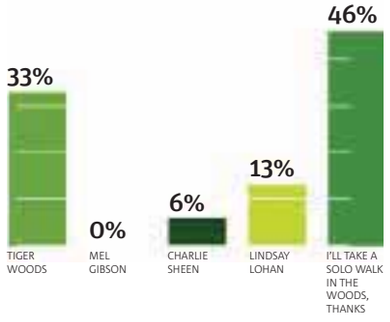
It's golf season. Which tabloid-addled celebrity would you choose as a partner for 18 holes?



Local tweets

- **@_redrhino:** Does anyone know where to buy 3-D glasses in #ldnont ? I need the old style, blue and red.
- **@GregOrtbach:** Anyone else heading towards their target heart rate courtesy of excessive #coffee this morning? #ldnont #tryandkeepup
- **@mindyourmind_ca:** The Grickle Grass Festival Saturday, May 28 http://www.gricklegrassfest.com excited to see @dsisive performing on the hip hop stage #ldnont
- **@SOOLondonCan:** There's a break in the rain #ldnont. It's a good morning to get out for a walk in one of our beautiful parks.
- **@TeganHadisi:** Trying to find a job in #ldnont where you can apply your degree and do something you at least like equals slim pickings
- **@Jeremy_Guan:** Deer sighting at #UWO !! http://twitpic.com/4yvgdq
- **@vinojeya:** First day of class and we aren't allowed laptops ... and my prof reads right off of her powerpoint ... welcome to #uwo
- **@StoneHunter77:** Holy freaking coldness #Ldnont

Worth mentioning

LONDON, England. An Egyptian princess who lived more than 3,500 years ago is the oldest known person to have had clogged arteries, dispelling the myth heart disease is a product of modern society, a new study says.

To determine how common heart disease was in ancient Egypt, scientists performed computer scans on 52 mummies in Cairo and the United States. Among those that still had heart tissue, 44 had chunks of calcium stuck to their arteries — indicating clogging.

Adel Allam, a cardiology professor at Al Azhar University in Cairo, who led the study with Gregory Thomas, director of nuclear cardiology education at the University of California in Irvine, found the Egyptian princess Ahmose-Meryet-Amon, who lived in Thebes (now Luxor) between 1540 and 1550 BC, had calcium deposits in two main coronary arteries, making her the oldest mummy found with heart disease. The princess' father and brother were both pharaohs.

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WEIRD NEWS

Common sense has left the building

Ballpoint pen chewers, take note: The cap in your mouth can obstruct breathing if swallowed.

Common sense? Apparently for speakers of French, Spanish and German. The warning appears only in the English section of the multilingual instructions from the pen manufacturer, according to the creator of the Wacky Warning Labels contest.

The pen cap caveat is among five finalists announced yesterday in the 14th annual contest that calls out silly warning labels and rails against lawsuits it deems frivolous.

Other finalists include "Does not supply oxygen" on a dust mask and "Avoid drowning. Remove safety cover from spa when in use" on a hot tub cover. A more high-concept warning making the list is this label for a leather handgun holster designed to look like a personal digital assistant: "For gun only, not a functional day planner."

Another warning tells would-be bicycle riders, "The action depicted in this brochure is potentially dangerous. The riders seen are experts or professionals."

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Depp and Bruckheimer have hinted the Pirates franchise could go on indefinitely, like James Bond

PETER MOUNTAIN/THE ASSOICATED PRESS/DISNEY,

▶ Johnny Depp portrays Captain Jack Sparrow in a scene from Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides. Movie producer Jerry Bruckheimer has said of Depp: "He created the franchise, that character. Made it come alive. He is Pirates of the Caribbean."

Ahoy all over again: Jack sails fresh waters

New pirates, new ship, new treasure — same old Jack Sparrow.

After a trilogy that hauled in $2.7 billion worldwide, Pirates of the Caribbean relaunches with On Stranger Tides, a fresh start for the buccaneer-blockbuster franchise starring the franchise's one indispensable ingredient — Johnny Depp as Capt. Jack.

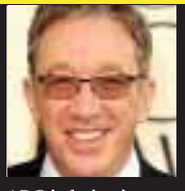
With Jack's beloved ship, the Black Pearl, in a strange state of dry-dock, he and his mates sail in search of the fountain of youth aboard Blackbeard's terrifying vessel, the Queen Anne's Revenge.

Hollywood rarely messes with a good thing to this extent, but the filmmakers are banking that audiences will be anxious to follow in Jack's wake as he storms into uncharted seas.

Unlike the trilogy that grew out of 2003's blockbuster The Curse of the Black Pearl, the new Pirates installment is a stand-alone story, said producer Jerry Bruckheimer.

But even before On Stranger Tides hits theatres, Bruckheimer has a script for a fifth Pirates movie in the works. That sounds like a commander confident he's on the right course, even before leaving port. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scene in brief



ABC is bringing Tim Allen back in a sitcom and resurrecting Charlie's Angels for a new generation next season. The network says it will introduce 13 new series, eight of them in the fall. Viewers can say goodbye to Brothers & Sisters, V and Better With You, which were all cancelled.
ABC is adding comedies on Tuesdays, led by Allen's Last Man Standing. He's a man's man surrounded by women at home, with his wife and three daughters. The new Charlie's Angels will air Thursday nights.
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John Grisham's The Firm heads to small screen as Canada-US co-production
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DEPP FOLLOWS A LONG LINE OF BUCCANEERS

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Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides co-star Ian McShane suggests that Johnny Depp is "paid more than the national debt of most countries" to play the tipsy freebooter Captain Jack Sparrow.

Depp may be the highest paid movie pirate to ever sail the seven seas, but he's not the only celluloid sea dog.

Movie pirates were popular on the silent screen — they swashbuckled as early as 1908's Treasure Island — but it wasn't until Errol Flynn played the title role in 1935's Captain Blood that pirates became screen staples.

"No one can beat Erroll Flynn," says Under The Black Flag: The Romance & Reality Of Life Among The Pirates author David Cordingley. "He has the edge over all the other movie pirates."

Coming close is Robert Newton as Long John Silver in Treasure Island. One of the best live action Disney films of the 1950s, it is the movie that originated the Cornish accent that has become the accepted pirate speak in dozens of movies to follow.

For a sample check out the voice of The Simpsons' Captain McAllister. It's based on Newton's pirate portrayal.

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Early swashbuckling: Erroll Flynn dazzled as a pirate on the silver screen in 1935.

Less conventional is Walter Matthau's take on Captain Thomas Bartholomew Red in Roman Polanski's Pirates.

The planned followup to the director's massive hit Chinatown (it actually took 12 years to make it to the screen) was to have starred Jack Nicholson but, like the buccaneer he might have portrayed in the movie, the star was money hungry.

According to the director, when he asked Nicholson exactly how much he wanted, the actor simply said, "I want more."

His replacement, Matthau, redefines grizzly in his depiction of Captain Red, but the film didn't meet with good reviews.

"There hasn't been a pirate movie in a long time," wrote Roger Ebert, "and after Roman Polanski's Pirates, there may not be another one for a very long time."

What look at movie pirates would be complete without a mention of singing and dancing sea dogs?

There are lots of pirate musicals but one of the best, and most overlooked, is The Pirate starring Judy Garland and Gene Kelly.

With direction by Vincente Minnelli (father of Liza) and songs by Cole Porter, the story of a young girl in love with a man pretending to be a pirate earned an Oscar nomination for Original Music Score, but lost out to another Judy Garland musical, Easter Parade.

▶ Charlie Sheen

Charlie Sheen disappointed

Despite his showy and sarcastic reaction to the news that Ashton Kutcher will replace him on Two and a Half Men, Charlie Sheen is actually "devastated" by the news, sources close to the former star tells Popeater.

"He really thought that he would be invited back," a source says.

"After years of suffering no consequences for his behaviour, why would he think anything else? Finally it has sunk in that he doesn't live by different rules to everyone else. Actions do have a consequences."

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Talking points

Aniston loses a loved one

TOUGH LOSS Jennifer Aniston suffered the loss of her dog, Norman, recently, her rep confirms to People magazine. The 15-year-old Corgi-terrier mix passed away "a few weeks ago," according to the rep.

"He was an old dog and it was just his time."

Norman often travelled with Aniston, she told the magazine last July.

"He's my baby boy. Norman goes with me on location – I've got to take Norman," she said.

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Celebrity tweets

"sucking face with a kanga. yep."

@katyperry

@themichaelcaine

"Chilling with my family today, enjoying my garden in the Spring"

@ParisHilton

"How adorable are my pets?"

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"100% cuss free show tonight. Gosh darn it's filthy though."

Celeb brief

Brad Pitt has said that he chooses his roles carefully now that he has kids.

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Great places

Commercial Street in Nanaimo, B.C., Le Petit Champlain in Quebec City and The Forks in Winnipeg have been named winners by the Canadian Institute of Planners in its first annual Great Places in Canada contest.

They won in the respective categories of streets, neighbourhoods and public spaces.

The contest drew 6,000 nominations from across the country between January and April. Winners were decided by a combination of online voting by the public and a judging panel of professional planners.

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Sahara hotel-casino closing on Las Vegas Strip after 6 decades

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▶ The Parliament Buildings are some of Canada's most architecturally stunning and marry modern Gothic revival with Victorian High Gothic.

Capital idea for Canada Day

Grab your biggest hat, a cup of tea and come watch the parade in Ottawa for Will and Kate's first royal Canadian visit As an added bonus, you get to spend Canada Day in the capital

Sure, watching the royal wedding curled up on the couch in a pair of PJs was fun, but gawking at Kate and Wills up close with thousands would be so much more Facebook worthy. Imagine the braggy album title: "Me and the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on Parliament Hill, July 1, 2011."

The newlyweds picked Canada as their first official trip as a couple, arriving in time for the Canada Day festivities in Ottawa. Kate Middleton has never visited Canada, so Ottawa at its party-hardiest will be her first taste.

For those who want to be part of the welcoming party in the national capital, there are many ways to give the trip a royal twist and many of the activities are free.

Get a good vantage point of their Highnesses

Based on past royal visits, the landau generally arrives for the beginning of festivities around midday. It travels westward on Wellington Street before arriving on Parliament Hill. The best areas will be along the Hill's central pathways.

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▶ Kate and William offer a wave from the balcony to the masses gathered at Buckingham Palace.

Visit the Parliament Buildings

A big white tent between the Centre and East Blocks of Parliament Hill is the point of departure for free tours during the summer months. Check parl.gc.ca/Visitors for information about the schedule.

Stop by the National War Memorial

King George VI and Queen Elizabeth unveiled the monument to those who served Canada in war in 1939, the first time a reigning monarch had visited Canada. In 2000, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was added to the site.

Check out Rideau Hall

Members of the Royal Family always stop by the Governor General's residence during official visits. The grounds have flower gardens, a play structure and wooded areas and are open from 8 a.m. until an hour before sunset.

Buy a fantastic hat

Now that fascinator has suddenly infiltrated the mainstream lexicon, buying a proper fancy hat or headpiece seems like a completely justified party expenditure.

New Brunswick-born Madeleine France Cormier's hat store in the Byward Market, Chapeaux de Madeleine, has seen a boom in business because of the royal wedding. Her little shop at 47 Clarence St. is chock-full of all manner of glam hats for all kinds of events, and her custom work with peacock feathers, ribbons, bird-cage veils and fabric petals ships across the country.

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If you go ...

- **Have a British-style tea:** The Fairmont Chateau Laurier, which turns 100 next year, has been holding a tea service ($30-$50) since it first opened. Patrons settle in to the cozy armchairs at Zoe's restaurant, sip tea and eat fancy sandwiches and pastries. The hotel also has a photo gallery open to the public that includes a candid snapshot of Princess Diana, taken during an event in the main hotel ballroom back in 1983.
- **Watch the fireworks:** If all those stories are true, Will felt fireworks when he saw Kate for the first time in 2002. So end the evening with Parliament Hill's spectacular Canada Day fireworks show. Major Hill's Park and Jacques-Cartier Park are two great spots for seeing the lights.

Going wild in the Ohioan outback?

If you've always wanted to go on safari without travelling to Africa or Asia look no further than Cumberland, Ohio

You dine by the light of an outdoor fire, sleep in a yurt and wake up for a safari to see antelope, zebras, rhinos, giraffes and camels.

When your adventure ends, you return to your car for the short trip back to the world outside — in Ohio.

It's all part of an experience offered at the Wilds, a sprawling wildlife conservation centre on nearly 4,000 hectares, or about two-thirds the size of Manhattan, about 130 kilometres east of Columbus.

Two years ago, the Wilds opened Nomad Ridge, an encampment of yurts — circular tents, perched on stilts anchored into the side of a wooded ridge.

The Wilds' nine "woodland yurts" are available May through October. The larger "grand yurt" with heat and air conditioning is available year-round.

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▶The Wilds, a sprawling eastern Ohio wildlife conservation center on nearly 10,000 acres, in Cumberland, Ohio. Located about 90 minutes from Columbus.

An overnight stay is packaged with dinner the night of arrival and breakfast the following morning created by a professional chef featuring Ohio game, produce and wines — plus a guided safari around the grounds to see a wide array of animals from either an enclosed bus (the Wilds prefers the term "transport") or an open-air vehicle. The experience is limited to adults 21 or older.

The free-roaming exotic animals are observed over the course of a couple of hours.

The Wilds is a partner with the Columbus Zoo, and conservation of endangered species is part of its mission. Its animals include onagers, endangered horse-like animals native to Iran and other Middle Eastern and Asian countries. Two onagers were born at the Wilds last summer.

"I felt as if I had travelled a long way and was transported to another place even though it was only 2 1/2 hours from my home on the outskirts of Circleville, Ohio," said Carolyn Seitz, a former teacher who enjoyed a yurt stay and safari last year with her husband, to celebrate his birthday.

Seitz's reaction is common, said former executive director Evan Blumer.

"We're not fooling ourselves, you're not in Africa, you're not in Asia, but it's sure a heck of a lot easier, a whole lot faster and doesn't require a whole bunch of vaccinations," he said, adding that the experience is an amazing escape without having to go too far from home.

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Cool, colourful San Fran

Alex Charlow was born in North California and works, surfs and promotes his band (Agent 126) in San Francisco In the last five years he's moved around and experienced cuisine and nightlife in different neighbourhoods.

San Francisco is an interesting place with extraordinary traditions and a cosmopolitan lifestyle. I like the energy. I love exploring each neighborhood and celebrating it's diversity. No matter what you're into, San Francisco has it. Want to spend your evenings with wine fanatics, sipping every wine from Sonoma and Napa County?

We've got the perfect wine bar for you. Want to kite surf in some of the best spots in the world? We've got that too. Want to see if you've got what it takes to escape from Alcatraz? We've got a swim event you might want to check out. Want to wander the streets wearing hot pants, a sombrero, and show your appreciation for unicorns? We've probably got a group for that too.

ALEX CHARLOW

▶ Pier 39

First time?

You can't experience San Francisco in one weekend, and attempting to do so means missing out on a lot of what makes San Francisco so special.

What you should do on your first occasion depends on when you arrive.

If you're here in May you must experience Bay to Breakers, a marathon extending from the San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean. It's the city's largest celebration, with thousands of San Franciscans dressed in costume for the longest party of the year. Otherwise, nothing can compare to an afternoon of munching on crab, walking the span of the Golden Gate Bridge, sailing to Alcatraz, and watching the seals play at Pier 39, all in the morning! At night your best bet is to explore the hot spots. Each neighborhood in San Francisco has it's own unique flavour, but Russian Hill, the Marina, Haight, the Mission, and North Beach are all excellent options.

Shopping!

If you've got some cash burning a hole in your pocket, head over to Union Square , a shopping district that has every store you could imagine. If you've got the hole in your pocket, but no cash, head over to the corner of Haight and Ashbury and buy some unique vintage threads.

Eat

When it comes to wining and dining, where to go depends on what you like. I'm a seafood nut, so Pacific Catch in the Marina is my place of choice. Its Japanese fusion produces some amazing salmon rice bowls, complete with seaweed salad, avocados, sprouts, and more (pacificcatch.com). If you're near the waterfront at Embarcadero you have to experience the fresh Dungeness crab, or table up at Boudin's and enjoy a delicious fresh clam chowder in a turtle shaped bread bowl (boudinbakery.com).

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Go out

I'm a beer guy, but if you like cocktails you have go to Lion Pub in Pac Heights. There isn't a sign, and the bar is hard to spot, but once you get in you're treated to fresh, hand-pumped greyhounds and raspberry mojitos that are unmatched. If you need a secondary spot hit up Bourbon and Branch, a prohibition era bar that maintains the 1920s vibe. When you get to the door just say "library" and you'll be whisked away behind a secret bookshelf and sipping authentic gimlets in no time (bourbonandbranch.com).

▶ Union Sqaure

Been there before?

If you've already been and are looking for a new experience, try the night tour of Alcatraz. There is nothing spookier than wandering the dark hallways of the prison while listening to the cell bars clinking on your audio tour.

If you're afraid of the dark, catch the sunset from the outfield of AT&T Park with a Giants game, one of the most beautiful ballparks in the USA.

Finally, if you've done it all, head out to the House of Air in the Presidio and get your hop on, literally, it's a giant indoor trampoline park that features competitive dodgeball leagues on trampolines.

▶ Alex hits the waves

A light approach to seafood

Eric Ripert of New York City's famed Le Bernardin restaurant creates a salad of green papaya with shrimp and calamari that's perfect for spring

For Eric Ripert, a salad can be an anything goes experience — as long as it's small.

"A salad, for me, is part of a meal. I love plain green salads. Anything goes — arugula, bibb, Boston, watercress, mache," says Ripert, chef and owner of the three Michelin star Le Bernardin restaurant in New York.

Salads even can open the eyes of a young boy. "Salad nicoise made with canned tuna in olive oil ... reminds me of my childhood in Nice," he says.

Ripert offers this salad recipe he created while visiting Vietnam. It blends crunchy, tart green papaya with shrimp and calamari, then dresses everything with fresh mint and cilantro and a splash of lime juice and pungent fish sauce.

Ingredients:

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) lime juice
- 10 ml (2 tsp) sugar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) fish sauce
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 green papaya, peeled, seeded and julienned
- 1 small carrot, peeled and julienned
- 2 scallions, thinly sliced
- 1 jalapeno pepper, halved, seeded and thinly sliced
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) fresh mint, julienned
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) fresh cilantro, julienned
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) canola oil, divided
- Fine sea salt and ground black pepper
- 285 g (10 oz) medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 285 g (10 oz) small calamari tubes, cleaned and sliced into rings

Preparation:

1. In a bowl, whisk lime juice, sugar, fish sauce and olive oil. Add green papaya, carrot, scallions, jalapeno, mint and cilantro; toss to coat evenly. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Let salad sit and marinate for at least 5 minutes.

2. In non-stick skillet over medium-high, heat 30 ml (2 tbsp) of the canola oil. Season shrimp with salt and pepper, add to skillet and sear shrimp for 2 minutes per side. Transfer shrimp to a paper towel-lined plate.

3. Add remaining 30 ml (2 tbsp) of canola oil to skillet and return it to heat. When the oil is very hot, add calamari. Season with salt and pepper, quickly toss to cook calamari until they are just barely opaque, about 2 minutes.

4. Add shrimp and calamari to salad; toss to coat. Divide among 4 plates and serve.

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▶ This salad blends a pungent fish sauce with lime juice.

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Nailing down a network pre-grad

STUDENT VOICE

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When I was in Carleton University's journalism program, I didn't really understand how difficult it would be to get a job when I got out of school, and I certainly didn't understand the value of networking and how much it mattered to career success.

I was attending school in Ottawa while living in Toronto during the summers, so it was difficult for me to find relevant summer positions in my field. This resulted in a string of fun summer jobs, none of which had anything to do with my goal of securing a job in public relations, journalism or communications upon graduation.

Luckily, my mom worked in public relations and she was able to set up some informational interviews for me during my fourth year reading week. This was the best thing I could have done, as it got my name out there and gave me a feel for what life at a PR agency was like.

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▶ Erin Bury advises recent graduates to gravitate toward smaller companies if they're hoping for big responsibilities.

One of the interviews I had, at Environics Communications, resulted in my first post-grad full-time position. But that wasn't until October and I graduated in April.

Those few months in between were really difficult. I applied for jobs constantly on sites like Workopolis, but it was like sending your resumé into an abyss.

I didn't have a good network in place, so I often relied on family contacts to get me in the door. While I appreciate the help my mom gave me, I hated that I was getting interviews based on nepotism.

Now I realize that most people land jobs based on referrals and that you have to take help whenever it's offered to you. While my contacts may have gotten me in the door, it was my smarts and ambition that got me the job.

I'm thankful that I got a full-time job shortly after graduation, but it certainly wouldn't have happened like it did without some pre-graduation networking, and introductions from trusted contacts.

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Where Erin is now

I'm now working as the community manager at Sprouter.com, a small technology startup focused on providing expert answers to entrepreneurship questions. I handle all of the communications, PR, marketing, social media strategy, events, and a whole whack of other stuff. It's been an amazing experience. I advise any new graduates to get a job at a small company. You'll get so much experience, and you really get a sense of accomplishment.

What I learned

Key take-aways from Erin's experience:

- Don't wait until your last year to get work experience in your field. Start as early as possible – even in first year. The experience will look great on your resumé and, more importantly, you'll meet many people who might hire you after graduation.
- Ask people in your network to help you find a job – even your mom. Although there's a negative stigma surrounding so-called nepotism, it's one of the most effective ways to find work.

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Sex Ed. effective?

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▶ In a 2005 study, 43 per cent of Canadian teens aged 15 to 19 reported that they had had sex at least once.

Most research on sex education targets teenagers, a group that wants and needs accurate, complete and unbiased information about sex, given that a significant proportion of adolescents engage in sexual activity. In 2005, 43 per cent of Canadian teens aged 15 to 19 reported that they had had sexual intercourse at least once. Eight per cent of teens reported having had sexual intercourse before they were 15 years old.

The effectiveness of most sexual health interventions is not evaluated. The research also has relatively weak research designs, such as poor use of control groups. However, here are some conclusions:

• Adolescents who receive comprehensive sex education have a lower risk of pregnancy than those who receive abstinence-only or no sex education. Comprehensive sex education includes information on birth control and on prevention of sexually transmitted diseases as well as abstinence messages.

• Programs that focus on abstinence without discussing safer sex behaviours do not seem to reduce HIV risk. Some abstinence-only programs can decrease teens' sexual behaviours, although the effects are modest and short term.

• Sex education programs often ignore the subject of non-heterosexual orientations (i.e. homosexual, bisexual, transgendered).

• Many students with disabilities receive poor sex education services or may be excluded entirely.

• Studies have found that self-esteem and adolescent's sexual behaviour and attitudes are not related, so self-esteem should not be the main focus of sex education.

• Using peers to deliver sexual health education to young people does not seem to increase condom use or reduce the odds of pregnancy or of having more partners.

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▶ Vancouver Canucks, from left, Jeff Tambellini, Victor Oreskovich and Chris Higgins arrive for a team practice at the UBC Thunderbird Arena in Vancouver yesterday.

Back end keeps stepping up for Canucks

'From Day 1 this year (defencemen) have been the backbone of our team,' says captain Henrik Sedin

A puck-savvy, fluid defence is one of the reasons why the Vancouver Canucks scored more goals than any other team in the regular season.

The Canucks offensive engine is fuelled by a group of mobile defencemen who can move the puck quickly and are not afraid to jump into the play when given the chance.

"They move the puck well. You need your defence to help you offensively," captain Henrik Sedin said yesterday after practice. "They're going to be the guys to make the first pass. They're going to join the rush. If you don't have that, it's tough to score in this league."

Putting a road block in front of Vancouver's defencemen is something the San Jose Sharks will need to do when they face the Canucks in Game 2 of the Western Conference final tonight. The Sharks lost Sunday's opening game 3-2.

Vancouver defenceman Kevin Bieksa tied that game in the third period on a pass from Alex Burrows.

"Offence from our defence has been a big part of our team's success all year," said Bieksa, who has two goals and three assists in the playoffs.

The top gun on the Canucks defence is Christian Ehrhoff, who fed Henrik Sedin for the winning goal Sunday. He has two goals and eight assists for 10 points in the playoffs, second in scoring among defencemen behind San Jose's Dan Boyle, who has two goals and 10 assists.

Vancouver's defence helped the Canucks earn a league-leading 262 goals and allow the least with 241 over the regular season.

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Lumsden chooses sled over gridiron

Jesse Lumsden decided one foot in bobsled and the other in the Canadian Football League won't allow him to step onto the podium at the 2014 Winter Olympics.

The 28-year-old Canadian running back confirmed yesterday he'd closed the door on football to concentrate on moving from the back of the bobsled to the front.

Once considered Canada's best running back, Lumsden wants to become the country's top bobsled pilot and win a gold medal in 2014.

He was a brakeman for Pierre Lueders at the 2010 Winter Games.

"I realized how technical the sport is, how precise it is and how good you have to be to be fast," Lumsden said during a news conference in Calgary.

"When I realized that, I realized I had to put my heart and soul into the endeavour."

The Edmonton native won the 2004 Hec Crighton Trophy with McMaster as the top player in Canadian university football. He was drafted by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

But his pro career was star-crossed with injuries.

Lumsden had 1,842 rushing yards — most of them in four seasons with Hamilton — and 10 touchdowns during his CFL career.

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Clowe says it's time for Sharks to get physical

Ryane Clowe vows the Vancouver Canucks won't get off as easy in Game 2 of the Western Conference final.

The rugged forward says Canucks defencemen can expect to be pounded into the end boards while retrieving pucks from now on.

That didn't happen enough in Vancouver's 3-2 victory in Game 1 and Clowe, a six-foot-two, 220-pound left-winger, intends to do something about it tonight (CBC, 9 p.m.).

"We've obviously got big forwards and (delivering hits) is definitely a part of my game," said Clowe.

Yet the Fermeuse, N.L., native has hands soft enough to generate four goals and 13 points this post-season to tie Joe Thornton for the team lead.

"We obviously weren't very good the other night. We've got to get skating, we've got to get physical."

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"Last game it was just one of those games where it was tough to get sustained time (in the offensive zone), some rhythm or momentum going," Clowe said.

"That comes off a lot of things but a lot of it has to do with wearing them down. That's a big part of my game and we've got a lot of forwards 220-plus."

Clowe only has to look over to Dany Heatley, his line's right-winger, who comes in at six-foot-four, 220 pounds.

Rookie centre Logan Couture, who has a team-leading six goals and 12 points, is no slouch either at 6-1, 195 pounds.

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"We've been able to bounce back this year no matter if it's been the regular season or the post-season. Learn from mistakes in the previous game and then move on. We've done that."

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Engine

The Veloster's 138-horsepower 1.6-litre engine has the same output as the previous Elantra's 1.8-litre engine, however numerous technological improvements have enabled many automakers, including Hyundai, to reduce engine displacement to improve fuel economy without losing any power.

Interior

The interior provides seating for four passengers and has easy-to-read gauges and control-panel knobs for the driver.

In terms of optional features, there is an upgraded interior, push-button start, up-level 450-watt sound package, navigation system, panoramic sunroof and 18-inch alloy wheels (17-inch alloys are standard).

Rear door

The key design element of the Veloster is the well-camouflaged full-sized front-hinged rear door.

It differs from other rear-hinged openings (such as those found on the Mazda RX-8 or the retired Saturn coupe) in that it can be accessed from the outside or inside and doesn't require the front passenger door to be unlatched first.

▶ The back section of the Veloster is haunched up to make head room for the rear passengers. The design was apparently inspired by sport motorcycles. Honestly, not that obvious.

The Veloster: Hyundai's next game-changer

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There's something rather odd going on at Hyundai these days. It's name is Veloster and it has three different-sized passenger doors.

Yes, the 2012 Veloster is an oddity.

The lack of portal symmetry certainly sets it apart from virtually anything else on the road, which is exactly what Hyundai's designers have been striving for lately. When you consider how dramatically different the latest Sonata and Elantra sedans appear from their respective mainstream peers, it was almost a forgone conclusion that shredding the styling envelope would continue.

The Veloster, available late this summer, is the slow-to-arrive replacement for the Tiburon sport coupe that was phased out following the 2008 model year.

Hyundai always planned to replace its entry-level "shark" (that's what Tiburon means in Spanish), but it first focused on launching the upstart Genesis coupe that runs in the same rear-wheel-drive class as the Ford Mustang, Chevy Camaro and Dodge Challenger, but without the V8 option, of course.

By comparison, the front-wheel-drive Veloster plays in a different sandbox where affordability and fuel economy are as important as eye-catching styling.

In all three areas, the Veloster could become a serious category crusher.

The Veloster will likely become another game-changing model for Hyundai. Count this as yet another groundbreaking design in the company's recent automotive arsenal.

Hyundai Veloster

- **Types:** Three-door, front-wheel-drive hatchback-coupe.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.6-litre DOHC I4 (138).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed manual; six-speed manual with automatic clutch.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 7.5/5.0 (est. DCT).

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By comparison

Honda Civic Coupe
Base price: $20,300 (est.)
New ninth-generation 2012 models appear similar to 2011 versions.

Kia Forte Koup
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Welcome to the Light Club

The first rule of Light Club is that every gram counts ... the second rule of Light Club is that every gram counts

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Three words — every gram counts — frame the engineering mindset at Audi these days as it delves into the science of lightweight construction and its effects on vehicle safety, performance, efficiency and emissions.

But simple words don't always translate into easy action.

Achieving lightness has become incredibly complex business.

In addition to reducing the weight of individual components and systems, carbon-fibre-reinforced plastics (CFRPs) are joining aluminum and ultra-high-strength steels to make vehicle bodies that are not just lighter, but almost indestructible.

CFRPs and exotic resins are layered, molded, pressed, formed and baked in giant ovens into components that are stronger than steel but weigh almost half as much.

The new plastics do not lend themselves easily to mass production and working with carbon fibre has traditionally been both time — and labour-intensive.

40%

The body of Audi's newest A8 limousine is 40 per cent lighter, and considerably stronger, than if it were made of steel.

But Audi says it has made breakthroughs in dealing with the new-age plastics.

A lighter body is the starting point for weight reductions on other parts of the car as engineers work to shave "every possible gram" (without compromising durability or function) from the drivetrain, suspension, passenger compartment, electrical system and the electronics.

Lightweight construction is a "strategic" policy that Audi's competitors are only now beginning to adopt, said Alois Feldschmid, head of total vehicle development.

"A lighter car accelerates, brakes and corners better and has sustainable economic and ecological results."

In an industry where the rule has been that vehicles get bigger and heavier over time, Audi is attempting "reversing the weight spiral."

The company has developed "competence" over the past 30 years in the use of combined materials, said Feldschmid.

It has incorporated carbon fibre into its cars since first using it for body parts on the original 1980 Audi Quattro.

Different materials with different strengths require new technologies to join them, not only in metal-on-metal applications, but also metal-on-plastic, said Dr. Klaus Koglin, head of technical development.

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▶ Carbon fibre begins as a pliable product with the resin built right in. It's formed into a mold, by hand, put into a plastic bag and all the air is drawn out. It's perfectly suited to the low-volume, high-performance requirements of an ultra-expensive sports car such as the Lamborghini Aventador.

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▶ The Lamborghini Aventador LP700-4's entire carbon-fibre body shell (above) weighs 147 kilograms. Below is a shot of the finished product.

Lambo lightness

- In Sant'Agata Bolognese, Italy, Audi subsidiary Lamborghini — the maker of exotic sports cars — has incorporated into its new flagship Aventador LP700-4, for the first time in any series production road vehicle, a full monocoque body structure made entirely from carbon fibre.
- Rather than a body that sits on a separate frame, a monocoque design uses the body as the frame structure.
- In a process that is still labour intensive and expensive, Lamborghini has taken the time required to complete a full body-in-white (the unpainted vehicle's basic body structure, including sheet metal but minus bolt-on components, like doors) to just over 120 hours from several weeks.
- The entire "shell" weighs just 147 kilograms yet is so rigid that any bending or twisting of the structure under conditions of extreme loading is virtually non-existent and undetectable by humans.
- Stiffness is crucial for safety as well as providing a platform for razor-sharp handling where the suspension does not have to compensate for a flimsy chassis.

HONDA'S ASIMO ROBOT IS HIGH TECH ... AND CUTE

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Honda designs and builds a lot of vehicles. Honda has also developed ASIMO, one of the world's most advanced humanoid robots.

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▶ Standing at four-feet, three inches tall, Honda's ASIMO robot weighs 119 pounds.

At first blush it doesn't seem like the two enterprises have much in common. Like Tim Hortons having a division that builds canoes.

But according to Honda, the thing that binds cars and trucks, motorcycles, the new HondaJet, and humanoid robots all together is that they all contribute to human "mobility."

ASIMO is designed to be a helper to people who have limited mobility, such as those confined to wheelchairs and beds.

I know what you're thinking — can ASIMO help me if I'm just lazy? I don't see why not. Like, how's it going to know?

I had a chance to see ASIMO last week, at its visit to the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto, where it performed to an appreciative audience of young students.

Or maybe the students were just happy to get the day off from school.

Either way, they applauded and cheered when ASIMO responded to questions from his handler, kicked a soccer ball, stood on one leg, walked up and down a flight of steps and ran across the stage.

Very impressive indeed.

After the "performance," ASIMO was joined on stage by Eric Wedin, project leader of the ASIMO team, to take some questions from the students, and one of the first questions went right to the heart of the matter: "How much money has Honda spent on ASIMO?"

"ASIMO is a priceless piece of R&D technology," was Wedin's practiced reply.

Other questions were, in turn, insightful and slightly off the wall. I preferred those in the latter group, like … "Can ASIMO swim?"… "Can ASIMO travel on rough ground?" … "Could you put a jetpack on ASIMO?"

The subtext of this line of questioning seemed, to me at least, that the youngsters had no pressing need for ASIMO's help around the kitchen, but would love to pal around with a mini Ironman that would give you some 'cred around the neighbourhood. Why make a robot if it can't shoot lasers?

Later, I asked Wedin to expound on the decision to make ASIMO so cute.

He said cuteness and a small scale (just over four feet) were definite design criteria, considering its "people helper" role.

At that height it can relate better at eye-level to immobilized individuals. Makes sense… Who wants a seven-foot robot bringing you some porridge?

Robots don't have to be humanoid. In fact, they might be more useful and capable if they took on some other form.

According to Wedin, ASIMO is humanoid because of the comfort factor and because it needs to operate in environments that have been optimized for humanoids — like homes, schools and hospitals.

The human form obviously works too, so it's not the worst one to research — even if your business model is currently based on wheeled devices.

If it bubbles like an Aero bar, that's OK

DRIVING FORCE

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There's an old saying in horse racing, "Weight will stop a freight train."

It refers to the fact that, in certain races, faster horses will have weights put in their saddles to even out the field.

Similarly, weight is an issue in cars, where more fuel is needed to move around any excess flab.

Making components lighter is now a priority with automakers, including Ford, which will be using its MuCell technology in the future to reduce the weight of certain plastic parts.

These don't look any different from solid plastic parts on the outside, but if you were to cut one in half, you'd see that the plastic is filled with millions of tiny bubbles, just like an Aero chocolate bar.

The technology was initially developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the late 1980s, but Ford says it has not yet been used in the automotive industry.

"Basically what we do is take a gas such as nitrogen, and we mix it with the molten plastic when we're ready to injection-mould," says Ellen Lee, a technical expert in plastics research at Ford.

"When you mould the part and it solidifies, it has millions of uniform bubbles, so that we can reduce the amount of material we use and reduce the weight."

MuCell can only be used in thermal plastic, the type that is melted and then formed by injection moulding or extrusion.

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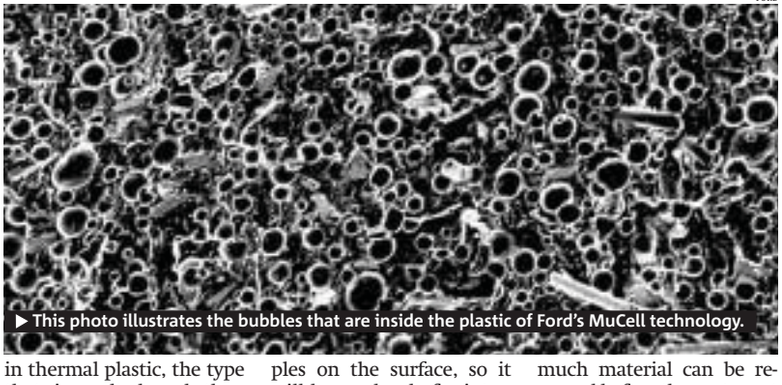

▶ This photo illustrates the bubbles that are inside the plastic of Ford's MuCell technology.

This type of plastic always shrinks when it hardens, but Lee says that the MuCell product shrinks more uniformly, fills the mould quickly and evenly, and requires less time to produce parts. The process sometimes forms tiny dimples on the surface, so it will be used only for internal components that the customer won't see.

The weight that MuCell saves may seem too small to matter, but as automakers find new materials and techniques to shave a few grams here and there, it all adds up over the entire car.

Lee says that one challenge is in seeing just how much material can be removed before the part must be redesigned.

"We can take approximately 10 per cent of the mass of the material or the weight out of the part before we see deterioration of performance," she says.

"If we were to make (a part) that's exactly the same design, but we take out 10 per cent of the material, that's about the limit. If we were to redesign a part knowing that we're going to be using MuCell, some studies have shown we can take up to 30 per cent out of that part. A lot of our research is looking at strength and finding the right proportion."

MuCell process

- Using MuCell technology reduces the materials, energy and time needed to make a part, but the moulding machines must be modified to accept it.
- The process would potentially be rolled out as existing moulding equipment is upgraded or replaced.
- The MuCell process uses nitrogen, a non-toxic gas that makes up the bulk of the air we breathe, to form the bubbles in the plastic.

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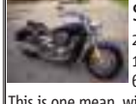

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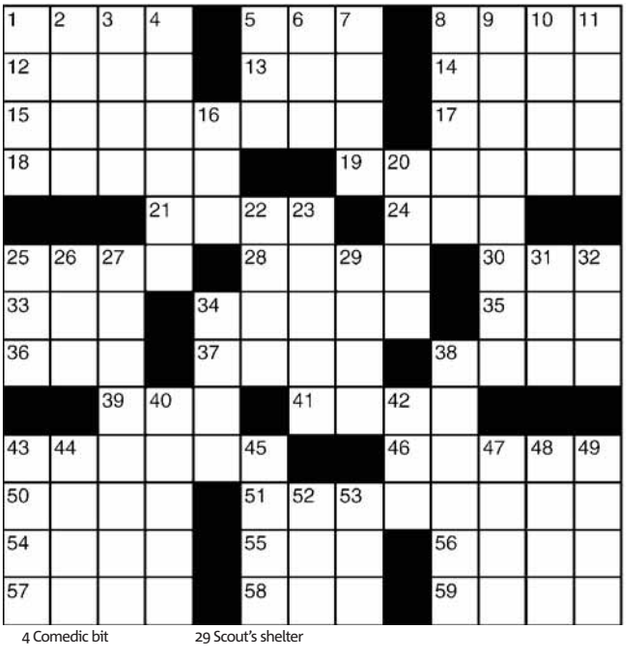


Across

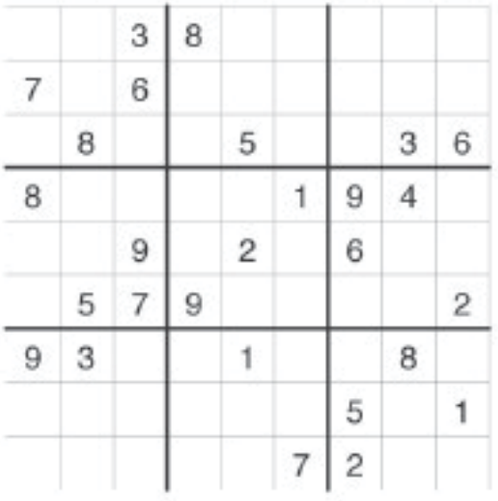
1 Mama — Elliot
5 Past
8 Resistance measures
12 St. Louis landmark
13 Pea holder
14 Bound
15 What Archie Bunker called his son-in-law
17 Information
18 Veranda
19 Small burger
21 Penny
24 Common Mkt.
25 Prepare for a trip
28 Table scraps
30 Sphere
33 Altar affirmative
34 Welcome
35 Costello or Ferrigno
36 Chum
37 Portent
38 Tosses in
39 Margery of nursery rhyme note
41 Wield a teaspoon
43 Topical antiseptic
46 Dance under a bar
50 Cowboy boot attachment
51 Marx Brothers classic
54 Chantilly, for one
55 Greek vowel
56 Formerly, formerly
57 BPOE members
58 Fresh
59 Collections

Down

1 Overly theatrical
2 Geometry measure
3 "Begone!"
4 Comedic bit
5 Mimic
6 — long way
7 Probability
8 Classic movie or song
9 Winter woe
10 Partner
11 Practice pugilism
16 Weed whacker
20 For fear that
22 Standard
23 Kilmer poem
25 Spot on a domino
26 Oklahoma city
27 Burgundy-champagne blend
29 Scout's shelter
31 Scepter
32 Clear the tables
34 Prom garb
38 Obeys reveille
40 Buenos —
42 Sort
43 Capri, for one
44 October birthstone
45 Paradise
47 Oliver Twist's request
48 Pedestal topper
49 Chooses
52 Multipurpose truck
53 Cornfield cry

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku



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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Enjoy yourself, but don't let your social life negatively impact business.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Tell those who interfere in your affairs that you will resolve your own problems in your own way.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Principles may be more important than profit but you cannot afford to ignore what a negative result might mean for your finances.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 A delay in a project is likely. Don't get angry, it may work in your favour.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You have a reputation for trustworthiness — don't do anything to jeopardize it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If you want to move up in the world, you have to be more open with those who can help you make it happen.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 When the going is tough you know what needs to be done. Can you get motivated when the going is easy?

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Let go of the past. The less you hold on to now, the more you will gain later on.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Leave no one in any doubt about how you feel — good or bad.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 . The planets urge you to stop thinking merely in terms of winning and losing. Life is not a zero sum game.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 There is no reason why you should be modest about what you have achieved. Shout about it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. When you give everything you have the right to demand a lot, too. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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